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# PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

## Note by the Secretary-General

1. The seventy-second session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 9 to 27 July 2001. The first meeting will be convened at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Palais Wilson, Ground Floor Conference Room, on Monday, 9 July 2001 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the seventy-second session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 5, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the seventy-second session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its seventy-first session, the Committee decided that a working group, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its seventy-second session. The working group is scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Palais Wilson, Ground Floor Conference Room, from 2 to 6 July 2001. The first meeting of the working group will be convened on 2 July 2001 at 10.30 a.m.

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Organizational and other matters.

   (a) Report of the Chairperson/Rapporteur of the pre-sessional working group;

   (b) Working methods;

   (c) World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

6. General comments of the Committee.

7. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

8. Adoption of the annual report of the Human Rights Committee.

## ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General

The representative of the Secretary-General will open the seventy-second session of the Committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

3. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will (a) consider the report of the Chairperson/Rapporteur of the working group; (b) continue the examination of working methods and (c) discuss and finalize the Committee's contribution to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, to be held in Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 7 September 2001.

4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

**A. Reports received**

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its seventy-second session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 5 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

| State party | Symbol | Date due | Date received |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Initial reports | | |
| Republic of Moldova | CCPR/C/MDA/2001/1 | 1994 | 17 January 2001 |
| | Second periodic reports | | |
| Switzerland | CCPR/C/CH/98/2 | 1998 | 29 September 1998 |
| Guatemala | CCPR/C/GTM/99/2 | 1998 | 6 October 1999 |
| Georgia | CCPR/C/GEO/2000/2 | 2000 | 9 August 2000 |
| Azerbaijan | CCPR/C/AZE/99/2 | 1998 | 8 November 1999 |
| Viet Nam | CCPR/C/VNM/2001/2 | 1991 | 3 April 2001 |
| | Third periodic reports | | |
| Togo | CCPR/C/TGO/2001/3 | 1995 | 19 April 2001 |
| | Fourth periodic reports | | |
| Hungary | CCPR/C/HUN/2000/4 | 1995 | 12 December 2000 (retransmittal of report submitted in 1999) |
| Yugoslavia | CCPR/C/YUG/99/4 | 1993 | 5 March 1999 |
| New Zealand | CCPR/C/NZL/2001/4 | 1995 | 7 March 2001 |
| | Fifth periodic reports | | |
| Sweden | CCPR/C/SWE/2000/5 | 1999 | 23 October 2000 |
| Ukraine | CCPR/C/UKR/99/5 | 1999 | 20 September 1999 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | CCPR/C/UK/99/5 | 1999 | 11 October 1999 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Overseas Territories) | CCPR/C/UKOT/99/5 | 1999 | 9 December 1999 |

## B. Reports due

For the situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant reference is made to chapter III and annex III of the Committee's 2000 annual report to the General Assembly (A/55/40 (vol. I)).

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the seventy-second session, prepared in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below.

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Netherlands | Third periodic report | Monday<br>Tuesday | 9 July 2001 p.m.<br>10 July 2001 a.m. |
| Czech Republic | Initial report | Wednesday<br>Thursday | 11 July 2001 a.m./p.m.<br>12 July 2001 a.m. |
| Monaco | Initial report | Friday | 13 July 2001 a.m./p.m. |
| Guatemala | Second periodic report | Tuesday<br>Wednesday | 17 July 2001 a.m.<br>18 July 2001 a.m. |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | Second periodic report | Thursday<br>Friday | 19 July 2001 p.m.<br>20 July 2001 a.m./p.m. |

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its seventy-second session, in July 2001. The secretariat has also informed the States parties whose reports are to be examined during the seventy-second session of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration. These States parties are the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Monaco, Guatemala and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

6. General comments of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will continue and conclude consideration of the draft general comment on article 4 (states of emergency, derogations from provisions of the Covenant). The second reading will be concluded, and two drafting committees will then check the consistency of language versions.

7. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and eighty-five communications are pending before the Committee. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in most cases, the Committee's examination of these communications may result in the adoption of Views, or in decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

8. Annual report of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will consider and adopt its annual report to the General Assembly, in accordance with article 45 of the Covenant.

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